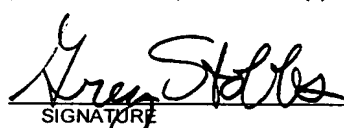


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 5077-000226/NP U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/509462
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/004804	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 01 April 2004 (1.04.2004)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02 April 2003 (2.04.2003)
TITLE OF INVENTION IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE CAPTURING APPARATUS, IMAGE OUTPUT APPARATUS, AND IRIS AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US KONDO, Kenji, et al.		
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